David Halbfinger New York Times (O) (Cell)

Talking to campaigns and national players about NJ race

Interested in any effects you might see in loan to co-worker; believes Christie has handled it well, but Dems see it as a pivot point in the campaign

Wants your perspective; have you weighed-in with any advice or counsel; your reactions.

How do you see the campaign?

Note: Sees not as much intense press interest in VA now since GOP lead has widened.